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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Daniel Girard )

Application No.: *Not yet assigned* )

Filed: Herewith )

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR HOLDING POSITION ADJACENT FACING  
ENDS OF TUBE SECTIONS FOR HOLDING THEM BY WELDING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Attention: Application Branch**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits in this application, please amend the claims of  
the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.